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TITLE OF INVENTION ANTISTATIC AGENT		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 16 August 1999 (16.08.99)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to its examination kindly amend the enclosed translation of the captioned patent application as follows:

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Add page 15, a page containing an abstract that reads as follows:

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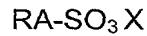
Cancel Claims 1-7.

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18. A molded article comprising the molding composition of Claim 8.--

REMARKS

The present amendment seeks to place the application in better conformance with U.S. practice. A page containing an Abstract of the Disclosure is enclosed. Entry of the amendment is requested.

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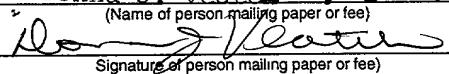
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This application relates to the use of fluorinated alkylsulfonic acids salts as an
antistatic agent in particular in plastics and to plastics containing fluorinated
alkylsulfonic acid salts and to mouldings producible therefrom.

The deposition of dust to form dust figures is a widespread problem with plastics
mouldings, *c.f.* in this connection for example Saechtling *Kunststoff-Taschenbuch*,
26th edition, Hanser Verlag, 1995, Munich, pp. 140 *et seq.*. Dust deposits on
transparent mouldings are particularly troublesome and restrict function. Such
mouldings are used, for example, for applications in optical data storage media,
electrical engineering, automotive engineering, in the building sector, for liquids
containers or for other optical applications. Dust deposition is undesirable for all
these applications and may impair function.

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One known method for reducing the deposition of dust on plastics articles is to use
antistatic agents. The literature contains descriptions of antistatic agents for
thermoplastics which restrict dust deposition (*c.f.* for example Gächter, Müller,
Plastic Additives, Hanser Verlag, Munich, 1996, pp. 749 *et seq.*). These antistatic
agents improve the electrical conductivity of the plastics moulding compositions and
thus dissipate any surface charges which develop during production and use. Dust
particles are thus less attracted and dust deposition is consequently reduced.

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A distinction is generally drawn between internal and external antistatic agents. An
external antistatic agent is applied onto the plastics moulding after processing, while
an internal antistatic agent is added as an additive to the plastics moulding
compositions. On economic grounds, it is usually desirable to use internal antistatic
agents, as no further operations for applying the antistatic agent are required after
processing. Few internal antistatic agents have hitherto been described in the
literature which also form completely transparent mouldings, especially with
polycarbonate. **JP-06228420 A 940816** describes aliphatic sulfonic acid ammonium
salts as an antistatic agent in polycarbonate. However, these compounds bring about

a reduction in molecular weight. JP-62230835 describes the addition of 4% of nonylphenylsulfonic acid tetrabutylphosphonium to polycarbonate.

One disadvantage of known antistatic agents is that they must be used in relatively 5 high concentrations in order to achieve the antistatic effect. However, such addition modifies the material properties of the plastics in an unwanted manner.

The object of the invention is accordingly to provide antistatic agents which have no negative impact on the material properties of plastics.

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It has surprisingly been found that perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts are particularly suitable as antistatic agents for the production of injection moulded and extruded mouldings. Even small quantities of perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt give rise to mouldings which no longer attract dust.

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This application accordingly provides the use of perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts as antistatic agents, in particular for plastics, in particular for transparent plastics, as well as plastics, plastics moulding compositions and plastics mouldings containing at least one perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt.

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Preferably suitable perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts are salts of the type (I)



25 in which

R means perfluorinated linear or branched carbon chains having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, preferably 4 to 8 carbon atoms;

30 A means a direct bond or an aromatic nucleus, for example and preferably fluorinated or non-fluorinated o-, m- or p-phenylene;

X means an alkylated and/or arylated ammonium ion $\text{NR}'\text{R}''\text{R}'''$, phosphonium ion $\text{PR}'\text{R}''\text{R}'''$, sulfonium ion $\text{SR}'\text{R}''\text{R}'''$, and a substituted or unsubstituted imidazolinium ion, pyridinium ion or tropylum ion, in which R', R'', R''' mutually independently denote halogenated or non-halogenated, linear or branched carbon chains having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, 5 preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms, in particular methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert.-butyl, neopentyl or aromatic residues or alkylaromatic residues such as for example and preferably phenyl, benzyl, alkylphenyl in each case having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl portion.

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The following are preferred:

- perfluorooctanesulfonic acid tetraethylammonium salt,
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- perfluorooctanesulfonic acid tetrabutylphosphonium salt,
- 15 - perfluorobutanesulfonic acid tetrabutylphosphonium salt,
- perfluorooctanesulfonic acid benzyltrimethylammonium salt,
- perfluorobutanesulfonic acid benzyltrimethylammonium salt,
- perfluorooctanesulfonic acid trimethylphenylammonium salt,
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- 20 - perfluorobutanesulfonic acid dimethyldiphenylammonium salt,
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- perfluorobutanesulfonic acid dimethyldineopentylammonium salt,
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- perfluorobutanesulfonic acid tetrabutylphosphonium salt,
- perfluorooctanesulfonic acid tetrabutylphosphonium salt.

30 Mixtures of sulfonic acid salts, in particular of the above-stated sulfonic acid salts, are also preferred.

Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid tetraethylammonium salt is particularly preferred.

5 Perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts are known or may be produced using known methods. The salts of the sulfonic acids may be produced by combining equimolar quantities of the free sulfonic acid with the hydroxy form of the corresponding cation in water at room temperature and evaporating the solution.

The perfluoroalkylsulfonic acids are preferably added to the plastics in quantities of 0.001 to 2 wt.%, preferably of 0.1 to 1 wt.%.

10 Plastics are preferably taken to mean thermoplastics, in particular transparent thermoplastics, preferably the polymers of ethylenically unsaturated monomers and/or polycondensation products of difunctional reactive compounds.

15 Particularly suitable plastics are polycarbonates or copolycarbonates based on diphenols, poly- or copolyacrylates and poly- or copolymethacrylates such as for example and preferably polymethyl methacrylate, poly- or copolymers with styrene such as for example and preferably transparent polystyrene or styrene/acrylonitrile copolymer (SAN), transparent thermoplastic polyurethanes, and polyolefins, such as for example and preferably transparent grades of polypropylene or polyolefins based 20 on cyclic olefins (for example TOPAS®, Hoechst), poly- or copolycondensation products of terephthalic acid, such as for example and preferably poly- or copolyethylene terephthalate (PET or CoPET) or glycol-modified PET (PETG).

25 Polycarbonates or copolycarbonates are particularly preferred, in particular non-halogenated polycarbonates and/or copolycarbonates having molecular weights \overline{M}_w of 500 to 100,000, preferably of 10,000 to 50,000, particularly preferably of 15,000 to 40,000.

30 For the purposes of the present invention, thermoplastic, aromatic polycarbonates comprise both homopolycarbonates and copolycarbonates; the polycarbonates may be linear or branched in known manner.

The polycarbonates according to the invention may also be present in entirely or partially brominated form.

5 These polycarbonates are produced in known manner from diphenols, carbonic acid derivatives, optionally chain terminators and optionally branching agents.

10 Details of the production of polycarbonates have been described in many patents over the last 40 years or so. Reference is made purely by way of example to Schnell, "Chemistry & Physics of Polycarbonates", *Polymer Reviews*, vol. 9, Interscience Publishers, New York, London, Sydney 1964, to D. Freitag, U. Grigo, P.R. Müller, H. Nouvertne', Bayer AG, "Polycarbonates" in *Encyclopedia of Polymer Science & Engineering*, vol. 11, 2nd edition, 1988, pp. 648-718 and finally to Dr. U. Grigo, Dr. K. Kirchner and Dr. P.R. Müller, "Polycarbonate" in Becker/Braun, *Kunststoff-Handbuch*, vol. 3/1, *Polycarbonate, Polyacetale, Polyester, Celluloseester*, Carl Hanser Verlag, Munich/Vienna, 1992, pp. 117-299.

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Preferred diphenols for the production of polycarbonates are:

20 4,4'-dihydroxydiphenyl, 2,2-bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,4-bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylbutane, 1,1-bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-p-diisopropylbenzene, 2,2-bis-(3-methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis-(3-chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, bis-(3,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)methane, 2,2-bis-(3,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, bis-(3,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) sulfone, 2,4-bis-(3,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-methylbutane, 1,1-bis-(3,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-p-diisopropylbenzene, 2,2-bis-(3,5-dichloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis-(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane and 1,1-bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexane.

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30 Particularly preferred diphenols are 2,2-bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis-(3,5-dimethyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis-(3,5-dichloro-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 2,2-bis-(3,5-dibromo-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, 1,1-bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)cyclohexane and 1,1-bis-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexane.

Preferred branching agents are triphenols, trimesic acid (trichloride), cyanuric acid trichloride and 3,3-bis-(3-methyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-oxo-2,3-dihydroindole.

5 Improved plastics compositions may be obtained by incorporating at least one further additive conventionally present in thermoplastics, preferably poly- and copolycarbonates, such as for example stabilisers (as described, for example, in EP 0 839 623 A1 or EP 0 500 496 A1), especially heat stabilisers, in particular organic phosphites or phosphines, for example and preferably triphenylphosphine, 10 mould release agents, for example and preferably fatty acid esters of glycerol or tetramethanolmethane, wherein unsaturated fatty acids may be entirely or partially epoxidised, in particular glycerol monostearate or pentaerythritol tetrastearate (PETS), flame retardants, UV absorbents, for example and preferably hydroxybenzotriazoles and hydroxytriazines, fillers, foaming agents, dyes, pigments, optical 15 brighteners, transesterification catalysts and nucleating agents or the like, preferably in quantities of in each case up to 5 wt.%, preferably of 0.01 to 5 wt.%, relative to the entire mixture, particularly preferably of 0.01 wt.% to 1 wt.%, relative to the quantity of plastics.

20 The perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts and optionally the additives or mixtures of additives are generally incorporated in the conventional manner for example before or during polymerisation or by subsequent mixing with the plastic.

25 The plastics compositions obtained in this manner are generally in the form of solutions, dispersions, emulsions, finely divided solids, powders, pellets, platelets or flakes (moulding compositions) and are used for the production of shaped articles (mouldings).

30 Shaped articles are for example and preferably light-transmitting articles such as for example and preferably light diffusers for motor vehicles, lenses, such as for example spectacle lenses, films, tapes, sheets, multi-wall sheets, multiple wall sheets, containers, tubes and other profiles which are produced using conventional

methods, such as for example hot pressing, spinning, extrusion or injection moulding. The polymer compositions may also be converted into cast films.

It is also of interest to use the plastics composition according to the invention for the production of multilayer systems. In such cases, the plastics composition according to the invention is applied in a thin layer onto a shaped article of a plastic which does not have an antistatic finish or additive. Application may proceed simultaneously with or immediately after shaping of the moulding, for example by coextrusion or multi-component injection moulding. Application may, however, also be performed onto the pre-shaped substrate, for example by lamination with a film or by coating with a solution.

It is furthermore of interest to use the plastics compositions according to the invention for the production of casings for electrical and electronic appliances, such as for example televisions, monitors, computers, printers, mobile telephones, clocks, hi-fi systems and the like in any desired colours with a transparent, translucent or opaque formulation, optionally with a flame-retardant finish or additive.

Plastics compositions containing perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid ammonium salts are preferably used for the production of light diffusers for motor vehicles.

It is also of particular interest to use plastics compositions containing perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts for the production of sheet, double-wall sheet, coextruded sheet and film.

The advantage of the plastics mouldings provided with the antistatic agents according to the invention is that these mouldings no longer develop a static charge, for example during production, when the conventionally used protective films are peeled off or during transport and storage.

The following Examples illustrate the invention. The invention is not limited to the Examples. The percentages stated below are weight percentages.

Dust test

In order to test dust deposition in a laboratory test, the injection moulded sheets are exposed to an atmosphere containing suspended dust. To this end, a 2 litre beaker containing an 80 mm long magnetic stirrer rod of a triangular cross-section is filled to a depth of approx. 1 cm with dust (coal dust/20 g activated carbon, Riedel de Haen, Seelze, Germany, item no. 18003). The dust is suspended in the atmosphere with a magnetic stirrer. Once the stirrer has been shut off, the test specimen is exposed to this dusty atmosphere for 7 seconds. Depending upon the test specimen used, a greater or lesser amount of dust is deposited on the test specimens.

Evaluation of dust deposition (dust figures) is performed visually. Sheets exhibiting dust figures were rated (-), while virtually dust-free sheets were rated (+).

Example 1

In order to produce the test specimens, an additive-free, unstabilised polycarbonate (Makrolon® 2808 from Bayer AG, Leverkusen) having an average molecular weight of approx. 30,000 (M_w by GPC), solution viscosity: $\eta = 1.293$ at 340°C, is compounded in a twin screw extruder with the quantity of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid tetraethylammonium salt (Bayowet 248® from Bayer AG, Leverkusen) and the other stated additives shown in Table 1 and then pelletised.

Rectangular sheets (155 mm x 75 mm x 2 mm) are then injection moulded from these pellets at various melt temperatures and subjected to the dust test. The results are stated in Table 2.

Table 1: Plastics compositions

Example	Composition
1.1	1% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole (Tinuvin® 350, Ciba Spezialitätenchemie, Basel)
1.2	0.6% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole
1.3	0.4% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole
1.4	0.3% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole
1.5	0.25% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole
1.6	0.2% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole
1.7	0.15% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole
1.8	0.1% Bayowet 248® + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole

All the colour sample sheets produced from the plastics compositions of Examples 1.1 to 1.8 at melt temperatures a), b) and c) are completely transparent on visual inspection.

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Table 2: Results of dust test

Example	a) 300°C	b) 320°C	c) 330°C
1.1	+		
1.2	+		
1.3	+	+	+
1.4	-	+	+
1.5	-	+	+
1.6	-	+	+
1.7	-	+	+
1.8	-	-	+

Example 2:

5 Polycarbonate films of a thickness of 0.25 mm based on the polycarbonate Makrolon 3100® from Bayer AG, Leverkusen and the antistatic agent contents stated in Table 3 are produced by extrusion at a melt temperature of 280°C. Antistatic action is determined by measuring surface conductivity to DIN IEC 93 (Ω).

10 **Table 3:** Plastics film composition

Example	Composition	Dust test	Surface conductivity
2.1	No additions	-	$1.0 \cdot 10^{17} \Omega$
2.2	0.3% Bayowet 248®	+	$2.7 \cdot 10^{15} \Omega$
2.3	0.5% Bayowet 248®	+	$8.2 \cdot 10^{13} \Omega$
2.4	1% Bayowet 248®	+	$2.9 \cdot 10^{13} \Omega$
2.5	1.5% Bayowet 248®	+	$6.0 \cdot 10^{12} \Omega$

15 Surface resistance is reduced by almost 2 orders of magnitude by the addition of 0.3 wt.% of Bayowet® 248 and by more than 4 orders of magnitude by the addition of 1.5 wt.%. This is significantly better than the values hitherto described for antistatic agents in this range of concentrations in polycarbonate.

Example 3:

The compositions stated in Table 4 are produced according to Example 1 and subjected to the dust test. The perfluorobutanesulfonic acid and perfluorooctane-
5 sulfonic acid may be liberated by the action of concentrated sulfuric acid on the potassium salts of the sulfonic acids and isolated by distillation. The potassium salts are obtainable from Aldrich or from Bayer AG, Leverkusen. Trimethylphenyl-
10 ammonium hydroxide may be produced from trimethylphenylammonium chloride (Aldrich) by means of ion exchange on the anion exchanger Lewatit® 500 (Bayer AG). Tetraethylammonium hydroxide and benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide are obtainable from Aldrich.

Table 4: Plastics compositions

Example	Composition	Melt temperature	Dust test
3.1	0.3% perfluorobutanesulfonic acid tetraethylammonium salt + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole	320°C	+
3.2	0.3% perfluorobutanesulfonic acid benzyltrimethylammonium salt + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole	320°C	+
3.3	0.3% perfluoroctanesulfonic acid trimethylphenylammonium salt + 0.025% triphenylphosphine + 0.3% 2-(2'-hydroxy-3'-(2-butyl)-5'-(<i>tert</i> -butyl)phenyl)benzotriazole	300°C	+
3.4	1% perfluoroctanesulfonic acid tetraethylammonium salt + 1% titanium dioxide Cronos C12230 + 0.2% perfluorobutanesulfonic acid potassium salt (Bayer) + 0.09% Teflon 6CN (DuPont)	300°C	+
3.5	1% perfluoroctanesulfonic acid tetraethylammonium salt + 1% titanium dioxide Cronos C12230	300°C	+

Example 4:

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In a similar manner to Example 1, plastics compositions are produced from Bayblend® (blend of ABS and bisphenol A polycarbonate of Bayer AG), Apec® (copolycarbonate of Bayer AG) and Pocan® (unreinforced polybutylene terephthalate of Bayer AG) with the quantities of antistatic agent and at the melt

temperatures stated in Table 5 and were subjected to the dust test. The results are given in Table 5.

Table 5: Action of sulfonic acid salts in further thermoplastics

Example	Composition	Melt temperature	Dust test
4.1	Bayblend FR2000® + 3% Bayowet 248®	250°C	+
4.2	Bayblend FR2000® + 1% Bayowet 248®	250°C	+/-
4.3	Bayblend T45® + 3% Bayowet 248®	270°C	+
4.4	Pocan B1305® + 1% Bayowet 248®	260°C	+
4.5	Apec® HT KU1-9201=9330 + 0.5% Bayowet 248®	300°C	+
4.6	Apec® HT KU1-9201=9330 + 0.5% Bayowet 248®	340°C	+

Patent Claims

1. Use of perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts as an antistatic agent.
- 5 2. Use of perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salts to impart antistatic properties to plastics.
3. Plastics compositions containing at least one perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt.
- 10 4. Process for the production of plastics compositions as defined in claim 3, characterised in that at least one perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt is added before, during or after polymerisation of the plastics.
- 15 5. Use of plastics compositions containing perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt for the production of mouldings.
6. Process for the production of mouldings having antistatic properties, characterised in that at least one plastics composition as defined in claim 3 is used as the starting material.
- 20 7. Plastics mouldings containing at least one perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An agent suitable for imparting antistatic properties to plastics is disclosed. The incorporation of small amounts of perfluoroalkylsulfonic acid salt in plastic resins, notably thermoplastic resins was found to be effective for this purpose.

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